

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND  
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

June 4, 2013

Among the most important responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors is ensuring the safety and well-being of the foster children within our care.

The County of Los Angeles has two contracts with Teens Happy Homes, Inc. One of these contracts is for the provision of foster family agency services to County foster children (Los Angeles County Contract Number 07-021-51). The other contract is for the provision of group home services to County foster children (Los Angeles County Contract Number 07-023-076).

Each of these contracts contain a provision which allows the County to terminate the contract for convenience, when it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Additionally, the County must provide a ninety (90) day advance written notice of termination for convenience, to the contractor.

In light of ongoing issues relating to these contracts, the foster youth of Los Angeles County would be better served by terminating the contracts with Teens Happy Homes, Inc.

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Molina \_\_\_\_\_

Yaroslavsky \_\_\_\_\_

Knabe \_\_\_\_\_

Antonovich \_\_\_\_\_

Ridley-Thomas \_\_\_\_\_

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE, that:

1. The Board find that it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to terminate for convenience, and in its entirety, the County of Los Angeles' Foster Family Agency Services Contract with Teens Happy Homes, Inc., (Los Angeles County Contract Number 07-021-51); and
2. The Board direct that the Department of Children and Family Services, working in consultation with the Office of the County Counsel, draft and issue, forthwith, a ninety (90) day advance written notice of termination for convenience, of the County of Los Angeles' Foster Family Agency Services Contract with Teens Happy Homes, Inc.; and
3. The Board find that it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to terminate for convenience, and in its entirety, the County of Los Angeles' Group Home Services Contract with Teens Happy Homes, Inc., (Los Angeles County Contract Number 07-023-076); and
4. The Board direct that the Department of Children and Family Services, working in consultation with the Office of the County Counsel, draft and issue, forthwith, a ninety (90) day advance written notice of termination for convenience, of the County of Los Angeles' Group Home Services Contract with Teens Happy Homes, Inc.; and

5. The Board direct that the Department of Children and Family Services take all appropriate actions, forthwith, to end the County's contractual reliance on Teens Happy Homes, Inc., with minimal disruption to County foster children, by the date when the above-identified contracts terminate. Those actions shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the exercise of contractual provisions regarding the imposition of Termination Hold Statuses, reasonable efforts to support certified parents who choose to seek licensure or certification which will permit foster children to safely remain in their home, and, in those instances where a foster child cannot remain in their current home, removal of the foster child forthwith, but in a manner consistent with applicable laws.